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VARIANT COVER BY CHIP ZDARSKY

MY NAME IS CASSANDRA CAIN.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY FATHER MADE ME BLEED.

C

Cass

i s2g if you're out there in costume, bruce will KILL YOU!!!

not literally but

ok fine i will cover for u for now but if you're not here soon.....

cass?????

this dinner is for YOU, cass!! i can't keep up the excuses forever 😭😭😭

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if u don't reply soon, i will be FORCED to come and save

WITH FISTS. BULLETS. KNIVES.

TO TEACH HIS DAUGHTER A LESSON.

PENNYWORTH MANOR.

C'MON, CASSIE...

STEPHANIE?

BLOOD ONLY COMES FROM WOUNDS.

BLEED AND YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.

IT IS SHAME. IT IS BURDEN. IT DOOMS YOU.

BLOOD IS TO BE OVERCOME. WHATEVER IT TAKES.

ENOUGH EXCUSES...

"...WHERE IS CASSANDRA?"

YO, UNCLE LIN, YOU GOOD?

DON'T CALL HIM *UNCLE,* TENJI.

THE *BLOODMASTER* HARDLY SEEMS RESPONSIVE ANYWAY. DID THEY REALLY USE HIS BODY TO OPEN A SPIRIT WORLD *PORTAL?*

WUCORP TOWER.

THEY SHOT HIM IN THE *HEAD* FOR THIS!

I MEAN, WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT TO ONE OF THEIR *OWN...?*

AND DOES IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR...AFFLICTION, BATGIRL?

CURSE, JAYA.

THIS BLOOD IS A *CURSE.*

NOTHING IS COINCIDENCE. I NEED ANSWERS. A *CURE.*

SIS, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THINKING OF GOING IN TH--

BATGIRL!

STAY AWAY FROM WU LIN AND THE *PORTAL!*

BLAM BLAM

WHATEVER IT TAKES.

MY *FAMILY* WAITS.

OKAY, MAYBE THE PORTAL IS A GOOD I--

THE SPIRIT WORLD.

--DEA-AAAAAH!

UFF!

ON YOUR FEET.

THE *SPIRIT WORLD*...

...WHERE SOULS GO TO AWAIT *REINCARNATION*...

YES. THE DEAD WANT *LIFE* MORE THAN ANYTHING.

THEY *HUNGER* FOR IT.

AND *WE* ARE STILL *ALIVE.*

DO YOU SMELL THEM?!

MEAT AND BONE AND BRAIN AND--

FLESSSSHH!

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT US, RIGHT?

DON'T HOLD BACK.

THEY'RE ALREADY *DEAD.*

SKEEEE

THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

THESE AREN'T THE *MOUNTAINS* ANYMORE, JADE TIGER.

CLAWS UP--

--OR YOU'LL BE *JOINING* THE DEAD!

Not today, Tenji.

Your sister needs you.

RAAAAH!

SHING

SLICE

BATGIRL, YOUR BLOOD--!

EEEE

IT BURNS THEM!

THEN STAY CLOSE.

THEY CAN'T TOUCH US.

AND WE CAN'T GET OUT!

TSSS

BEGONE, SPIRITS!

SLICE

SKEEEE

I'VE BEEN **WATCHING** THAT PORTAL--

--FOR **WEEKS!**

SHLOK

THIS **FLESH** IS **MINE.**

UNCLE LIN?!

THE **BLOODMASTER** LIVES.

WU ZHI?

<DO WE GO IN AFTER THEM OR...?>*

*TRANSLATED FROM MANDARIN.

<OF COURSE NOT, YOU IDIOT!>

<THIS PORTAL WAS ONLY MEANT FOR HIS **SOUL** WHILE THE BODY STAYED **ANCHORED** HERE.>

<THERE IS NO WAY **BACK!**>

<WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO SLOW US DOWN.>

<IF THE DAUGHTER OF THE **BAT** WANTS TO REST IN THE SPIRIT WORLD **EARLY,** SO BE IT.>

<THE **PLAN** DOES NOT CHANGE.>

<THE **BLOOD OF WU** CANNOT BE **STOPPED.**>

WU LIN.

HELLO, COUSIN.

ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU WITHOUT A ***TRAIN*** GOING UP IN FLAMES ALONG WITH OUR ***STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.****

HOW'S YOUR MOM?

STILL DEAD?

*SEE **BATGIRL** #4! --JB

WATCH IT, UNC.

YOU'RE THE ***DEAD*** ONE. WE JUST SAW YOU TAKE A ROUND TO THE ***SKULL,*** AND BACK THERE YOU DIDN'T HAVE THIS STUPID ***BEARD.***

UNC? I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS IS.

NOT YET, YOU DON'T.

RELAX, EVERYONE. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE.

IF WU LIN'S BEEN WATCHING THAT PORTAL FOR WEEKS, I'M GUESSING IT ONLY WORKS ***ONE WAY*** AND TIME FLOWS DIFFERENTLY HERE.

HENCE THE STUPID BEARD.

YOU'RE THE SMART ONE.

GOOD. MAYBE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THIS.

FOLLOW ME OR DIE.

WHY DID YOU SAVE US?
CHARITABLE DONATION. CAN I GET THE TAX RECEIPT?
HERE. EAT THIS.
AND WHAT? GET POISONED?
I WAS CURSED WITH YOUR BLOOD, WU LIN.
I NOTICED. LOOKS LIKE IT'S KILLING YOU, TOO. AND IT'S YOUR BLOOD AS MUCH AS IT'S MINE, COUSIN.
YOU ARE NOT MY FAMILY.
RIGHT. GOOD ONE.
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?
YOU TOOK NO OATH?
NO RITUAL TO UNLOCK THE GENETIC CONTRACT?
NO.
MY REAL FAMILY.
SO FIX THIS. OR ELSE.
YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF WITH THAT BLOOD BEFORE YOU KILL ME, BATGIRL.
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD.
AM I?
THEN YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.
NO!
I DID NOT ASK FOR THIS. NOW I AM LATE FOR DINNER. MY FAMILY IS WAITING.

I HAVE A ***HEAD WOUND*** AND MY HANDS FULL AT THE MOMENT WITH MY OWN FAMILY MATTERS.

I'D HOPED A ***LOYAL*** COUSIN WOULD FALL OUT OF THAT PORTAL WITH A ***SOLUTION.*** INSTEAD I GOT YOU.

WHAT HAPPENED ANYWAY?

SOME KIND OF WUCORP ***CIVIL WAR?***

MY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DIDN'T LIKE HER BIANNUAL ***REVIEW*** IS WHAT--

LYING!

ANSWER.

...

WU FENG HAPPENED. MY FATHER.

IT'S ***ALWAYS*** BEEN HIM. EVER SINCE I WAS ***BORN.***

I WAS NEVER CUT OUT FOR THIS LIFE, HE SAID. CALLED ME ***DELICATE,*** THOUGH THAT COULDN'T BE TRUE IF I KILLED MY MOTHER ON ***EXIT.***

AND BLOOD IS ***OWED*** FOR BLOOD, SO I'VE SPENT EVERY DAY SINCE ***BLEEDING.***

THEN FATHER ***DIED,*** AND WUCORP WAS MINE. BUT EVEN IN DEATH HE WAS UNSATISFIED.

YOU SEE, THE CURSE OF THE BLOOD MAY GRANT US INCREDIBLE POWER IN ***LIFE...***

...BUT IN ***DEATH*** OUR SOULS THEN BELONG TO THE ***GOD*** WHO CURSED US, AND OUR ABILITY TO REINCARNATE IS ***FORFEITED.***

BUT DAD IS CREATIVE. HE FOUND A ***LOOPHOLE*** IN THE CONTRACT WITH THE HELP OF WU ZHI, AN ***EXORCISM*** FOLLOWED BY ***POSSESSION.***

MY FATHER PLOTTED A ***HOSTILE TAKEOVER*** OF MY ***BODY.***

SO THAT HE MAY ***LIVE*** AGAIN TO RULE THE BLOOD OF WU AS ITS ***BLOODMASTER.***

AND I THOUGHT **WE** HAD PARENT ISSUES.

BATGIRL, YOUR **SOUL...**

SMART, AGAIN. YES, IF YOU HAVE THIS CURSE, BATGIRL, YOU CAN NEVER BE **REBORN.**

NO MORE **LIVES.**

WHAT DO WE DO?

WE GET OUR **LIVES** BACK.

HOW? WHO DO WE **FIGHT?**

YOU CANNOT **PUNCH** OR **KICK** YOUR WAY OUT OF THE SPIRIT WORLD, COUSIN.

DOWN HERE, IT'S TALLIES AND SCALES. IT'S NEGOTIATION. IT'S ALL JUST **BUSINESS.**

SO THE **JADE COURT.** I MET THEM.

NO, **WE** ONLY DEAL WITH **ONE** MEMBER OF THAT COURT. THE ONE WHO **OWNS** OUR SOULS...

THE MIDNIGHT EYE.

WE MUST CLIMB HIS **MIDNIGHT TOWER** AND APPEAL OUR **CASES** BEFORE HIM.

YOU NEED ME AS A **GUIDE,** AND I NEED YOUR **PROTECTION.**

THE FORCES OF THE BLOOD ARE AGAINST US, BATGIRL. BUT WITH **TIME** ON OUR SIDE, WE CAN HANDLE THIS **BEFORE** WU ZHI COMPLETES HER RITUAL AND YOUR FAMILY BREAKS BREAD.

SO TAKE YOUR **POISON PILL,** CHILDREN.

THAT SPIRIT FOOD WILL WEAKEN YOUR **LIFE SCENT,** AND YOU MAY YET SURVIVE TO **LIVE** AGAIN.

Krak

Krak!

HM.

WHAT DOES THAT SLOTH, ***ZHI,*** HAVE TO SAY FOR HERSELF NOW, ***WU FENG?***

THE ***SISTERS*** OF THE ***SNOW*** LIVE ON IN A ***BAT*** AND A ***TIGER,*** WHILE MY OWN ***SON*** CONTINUES TO EVADE US ALL.

IT'S TIME. GATHER OUR ***FORCES,*** STOP WU LIN, AND HANDLE THESE INTRUDERS, THIS ***BATGIRL...***

ELSEWHERE.

YOU CAN MANAGE THAT, CAN'T YOU, COUSIN?

HEHEHEH.

GLADLY.

"IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, EVERYTHING IS ABOUT ***REINCARNATION.***

"HOW TO GET OUT OF ***HERE*** AND BACK TO THE ***FLESH.***

"UNFORTUNATELY FOR MOST, IF THEY WEREN'T ***GOOD*** WHILE ALIVE, REBIRTH MIGHT TAKE A WHILE...

"IN THE MEANTIME, SPIRITS RELY UPON THEIR LIVING FAMILY'S ***OFFERINGS.***

"IT NOURISHES. IT IS CURRENCY. IT BRINGS ***HARMONY.***

"AS WITH NATURE AND THE ***SELF,*** IT'S ONLY WHEN THERE'S ***IMBALANCE...***

"...THAT MISFORTUNE ***STRIKES.***

WE MUST HONOR OUR FAMILIES, LIVING AND DEAD, OR FACE THEIR ***WRATH.***

THIS IS OUR ***DUTY.***

AND APPARENTLY, WE'VE ALL ***FAILED,*** OR WE WOULDN'T BE HERE.

YOUR BLOOD IS A ***GIFT*** FROM THE MIDNIGHT EYE. THE POWER OF A ***GOD*** NOW FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

WE LOSE THIS POWER IN ***DEATH,*** BUT YOU ARE STILL ***ALIVE,*** AND DOWN HERE THAT BLOOD IS YOUR GREATEST ***WEAPON*** AGAINST ANY SPIRIT.

WILL YOU LEARN TO ***CONTROL*** IT, DAUGHTER OF THE BAT?

WHATEVER IT TAKES.

MAKE ME ***USEFUL*** AGAIN.

YOUR ***BLOOD*** IS USEFUL, COUSIN.

YOUR BLOOD IS AN EXTENSION OF ***YOURSELF.***

A ***SWORD*** TO BE WIELDED.

AN ***UMBRELLA*** FOR THE STORM.

THE ***INK*** OF YOUR PEN.

...AND IT WILL BE A ***BURDEN.***

TAKE FROM IT WHAT YOU NEED. GIVE ONLY WHAT IS REQUIRED.

TREAT IT LIKE A BURDEN...

EXCUSE ME?

IT JUST HIT ME NOW, BUT I RECOGNIZE YOU.

YOUR ***HAIR*** IS DIFFERENT, RIGHT?

WE'VE MET.

RELAX, SHADOW. YOUR BUSINESS IS YOURS.

THEY ***CAN'T*** KNOW.

I CAN SEE WHY.

BETRAYAL LIKE ***THAT*** DOESN'T GO OVER WELL IN BOARDROOMS ***OR*** IN FRIENDSHIPS.

THIS WEIGHT YOU CARRY IN THE DARK MIGHT EVEN BE HEAVIER THAN ***THEIRS,*** AND THEY MAY NEVER KNOW.

I CHOSE ***WATER*** OVER BLOOD. LOYALTY TO AN IDEAL OVER SOME ***OBLIGATION*** TO A GENE POOL.

AND WHERE HAS THAT GOTTEN YOU, JAYA JAYESH? LOYALTY AFTER LOYALTY? BETRAYAL AFTER ***BETRAYAL?***

IS YOUR FATHER DOWN HERE, TOO? SHOULD WE TAKE A LOOK?

COULD YOU BEAR IT?

YOUR BLOOD IS ***MEANT*** TO BE SPILLED, COUSIN...

...AND SPILLED BLOOD ONLY ***SPOILS.***

USE IT, THEN GIVE IT ***BACK*** TO THE EARTH, SO YOU MAY DRAW SOME ***MORE.***

DRAW IT. SHAPE IT. USE IT.

DISCARD IT.

YOUR BODY WILL HEAL.

YOUR BLOOD WILL REMAIN.

HEY, UNCLE LIN?

YOU THINK OUR ***MOM*** IS DOWN HERE? IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, I MEAN?

HUH? I HADN'T THOUGHT TO LOOK.

WHO KNOWS. MAYBE LADY SHIVA'S ALREADY BEEN ***REBORN.***

NO. NO WAY.

WHY NOT?

YOU FORGET. SHE WAS NO ***HERO.***

YOU FORGET, COUSIN. ***INTENTION*** IS ONLY HALF THE EQUATION.

IF A ***GOOD*** PERSON TRIES TO IMPROVE THE WORLD BUT ONLY EVER CAUSES ***MISFORTUNE,*** WHILE A ***CRUEL*** SOUL BETTERS THE LIVES AROUND THEM, EVEN ***UNWITTINGLY...***

...WHO WILL ***KARMA*** FAVOR?

YOUR BLOOD IS **YOU,** BATGIRL.

KLING

SHARPEN IT TO THE MOLECULE AND CUT THROUGH **ANYTHING.**

BUT **WAR** WITH YOURSELF--

--AND YOU WILL **RUST** AND **BREAK!**

KLANG

"**ACCEPT** THE BLOOD FOR WHAT IT IS...

...**HONOR** IT WITH YOUR **LIFE--**

--AND **DEATH** WILL REWARD YOU.

SHNK

"BECAUSE YOUR **BLOOD** IS YOU, COUSIN.

"FOR BETTER...

"...AND FOR **WORSE.**"

WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR MOM, CASSIE.

WHAT?

MAYBE WE CAN BRING HER ***BACK*** TO THE LIVING WITH US. MAYBE WE CAN--

YOU HEARD THE BLOODMASTER. MAYBE LADY SHIVA IS ALREADY ***REBORN.***

YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT. ***C'MON,*** WE COULD SEE HER AGAIN.

CASSANDRA! WE HAVE TO!

WHY?

BECAUSE SHE'S OUR ***MOM.***

WHO WOULD WE ***BE*** WITHOUT HER?

...

I'LL NEVER KNOW.

HAVE YOU EVEN BEEN ***LISTENING*** TO UNCLE LIN?!

WE NEED TO ***HONOR*** OUR FAMILIES OR WE'LL--

SHNK

BLOOD NINJA!

BUT WHO FIRED THAT...?

WAIT!

MOM...?

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S LOOKING OUT FOR YOU TWO DOWN HERE AFTER ALL.

C'MON, THE ***MIDNIGHT TOWER*** IS JUST THROUGH HERE.

READY YOUR WEAPONS.

IF ***BLOOD NINJA*** ARE AROUND, THAT MEANS ONLY ONE THING...

...A FAMILY REUNION.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY FATHER MADE ME **BLEED.**

WITH FISTS. BULLETS. **KNIVES.**

TO TEACH HIS DAUGHTER A LESSON.

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MISS ME, BATGIRL?

THAT MAN IS **NO LONGER** MY FATHER.

WHATEVER IT TAKES.

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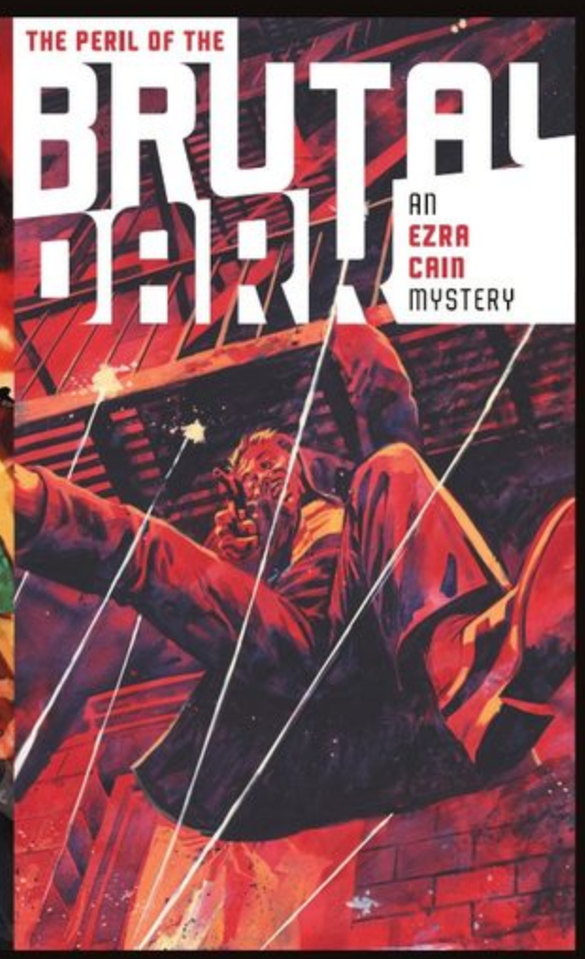

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